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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON ABDUL SATTAR: NEW PAK  
AMBASSADOR TO INDIA

REF: ISLAMABAD 5387

1. DURING THREE-YEAR TENURE (1975-78) IN VIENNA SATTAR WAS HIGHLY REGARDED BY U.S. OFFICERS WHO HAVE KNOWN HIM AND WORKED WITH HIM. SATTAR IS EXTREMELY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT USA AND UNDERSTANDS ITS POLITICAL PROCESSES WELL. HE HAS HIGH RESPECT FOR BEST THAT U.S. HAS TO OFFER AND HAS MADE EFFORT TO KEEP IN CONTACT WITH HIS MANY AMERICAN FRIENDS DATING BACK TO HIS YEAR OF GRADUATE STUDY AT FLETCHER IN EARLY '50'S (WHERE HE WAS STAR OF GROUP OF PAKISTANI FSO'S THERE) AND TO HIS SEVERAL AMERICAN ASSIGNMENTS. HIS TWO DAUGHTERS ARE AMERICAN-EDUCATED. ONE RECENTLY GRADUATED FROM COLLEGE IN PHILADELPHIA AND WILL CONTINUE GRADUATE SCHOOL AT JOHNS HOPKINS. YOUNGER DAUGHTER ATTENDED AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL IN VIENNA.

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2. SATTAR HAS NEVER INDICATED STRONG AFFILIATION WITH ANY POLITICAL GROUP IN PAKISTAN. ALTHOUGH HE HAS CRITICIZED CERTAIN ACTIONS TAKEN BY FIGURES IN POWER AT DIFFERENT TIMES, HE SEEMS TO BE TRUE CIVIL SERVANT (IN BEST SENSE OF TERM) WHOSE OVERWHELMING ALLEGIANCE IS TO PAKISTAN.

3. SATTAR WAS HEAVILY INVOLVED WITH UNIDO AND IAEA AS PAK REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNING BODY DURING VIENNA TOUR. U.S. UNIDO AND IAEA PERMANENT REPS STATED THAT THEIR

OBSERVATIONS OF SATTAR SINCE SEPTEMBER 1977 CONFIRM LAUDATORY COMMENTS IN REFTEL REGARDING HIS INTELLECTUAL AND PROFESSIONAL TALENTS. SATTAR WAS ONE OF TWO OR THREE LEADING SPOKESMEN FOR GROUP OF 77 IN UNIDO AND IAEA MEETINGS. ALWAYS INFORMED ON ISSUES, HE WAS ARTICULATE IN PRESENTATIONS, ADEPT IN DEBATE AND A TOUGH NEGOTIATOR. HE COULD SPOUT THIRD WORLD RHETORIC WITH THE BEST, BUT BEYOND THAT SHOWED CLEAR AND GENUINE INTEREST IN INCREASING EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF UNIDO'S AND IAEA'S ACTIVITIES. HE STATED HE WISHED UNIDO AND IAEA TO BE ORGANIZATIONS IN WHICH HE COULD TAKE PRIDE AND WHICH WOULD BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY BY HIS GOVERNMENT. SATTAR MAINTAINED CORDIAL TIES TO U.S. MISSIONS BUT HIS POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD U.S. DID NOT INHIBIT HIM FROM SEIZING EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO ADVANCE HIS OWN NEGOTIATING POSITION WHEN THERE WAS DIFFERENCE ON SUBSTANCE.

4. SATTAR WAS ONLY LOCAL AMBASSADOR WHO HAD COURAGE TO OFFER A NON-ALCOHOLIC NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION IN VIENNA.

5. FOR DEPARTMENT: POUCHING TWO ARTICLES ON SATTAR WITH PHOTOS FROM LOCAL DIPLOMATIC JOURNAL. BORG  
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